

CHAMBER CONNECTION

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY
EDITION 2024

Chamber Awards Ceremony

Join Us
Thursday,
February 22, 2024
4 p.m.
Somerset Event
Center



The Chamber will recognize
individuals or groups in the following categories:

Outstanding Person of the Year Award

The Betty Haupt Memorial Tourism Award

Harold W. Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Humanitarian Award

Somerset County Agriculture Award

Entrepreneur of the Year

Somerset County Young Gun Award

Workforce Education Star



MEGASHOW

Home, Garden, & Business Expo

The Megashow Home, Garden, & Business Expo, hosted by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, the Somerset County Builder's Association, the Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Builders Association of Cambria County, is back and will be held March 22 - 24, 2024 at the Galleria Mall in Johnstown, PA.

The Megashow grows each year in popularity and now draws more than 2,000 attendees who shop from and visit a variety of businesses, vendors and organizations. In order to accommodate the growing vendor

list, the floor plan has been redesigned to showcase more vendors. There are a variety of booth sizes to meet specific business and organization needs. The expo always features something for everyone including, home improvement ideas, product demonstrations, prize drawings and more.

Admission this year will be free.

Exhibitor registration information is available on somersetcountymegashow.com. Megashow sponsorships are available, including businesses not planning to be exhibitors.

Megashow Weekend

Friday, March 22
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 23
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, March
Noon to 5 p.m.

For details on the Megashow, visit
somersetcountymegashow.com,
or contact the Chamber at 814.445.6431,
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Unlock Growth: Seize Marketing Opportunities with Chamber Connection Advertising!

As we eagerly anticipate the blossoming of new opportunities, we invite you to maximize your business's visibility through strategic advertising in our upcoming March/April newsletter. Scheduled for release in late February, this edition provides a prime platform for you to connect with our engaged audience.

1. Flyer Inserts: Amplify Your Impact For just \$75, your flyer can be inserted into our newsletter, reaching over 700 eager readers. First Come, First Served Reserve your space early to ensure maximum impact. Flyers should measure 8.5" x 11" and can be two-sided. Expand your presence with a second page (subject to approval). Deliver 700 copies to the chamber office by the third Friday of the month, and any surplus copies are yours to collect after mailing. Don't miss this cost-effective opportunity to have your message directly in the hands of our chamber members.

2. Classified Ads: Tailor Your Visibility Reserve by the First Wednesday of the Month Craft your message with flexibility. A 3x2 inch ad is \$30 for one issue or \$40 for two, while a quarter-page (5x4 inch) ad is \$75 for one issue or \$100 for two. Make reservations by the first Wednesday of the month to secure your space.

Elevate Your Presence in the E-Dispatch: Extend your reach beyond the printed page by advertising in our biweekly E-Dispatch report. This digital gem is emailed to approximately 1300 chamber members and their staff, with featured placement in the members' area of the chamber website. Ads can be seamlessly linked to your business's website or social media.

E-Dispatch Pricing:

1 month (2 issues): \$40
6 months (12 issues): \$200
12 months (24 issues): \$400



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Launching into 2024

By Ron Aldom,
Executive Director, Somerset
County Chamber of Commerce



Ron Aldom

While we may not be launching a rocket into space, we are launching a multitude of events and programs in 2024 that will make an impact on our mission to support the businesses and communities of Somerset County. Space doesn't allow me to highlight everything, so here are a few of the big ones starting out the year:

Winter Kick Off on January 5th is a huge networking event at Seven Springs with our partners from the Pittsburgh Business Exchange that brings business professionals together from over 30 chambers and organizations to meet and potentially help grow their businesses.

Mega Show: Our big, no...huge Home and Business Expo held at the Galleria Mall that offers 100+ local business vendors the opportunity to showcase their products and services to thousands of shoppers. The new location came as a result of the growth of the Mega Show and the lack of a large facility in Somerset County. Now, it actually attracts more shoppers.

Golf Bash: Held annually to support the chamber's workforce education programs in all 11 school districts is being held on Saturday, May 4th at the Bakersville VFD Hall. Over \$40,000 in prizes and a fun filled afternoon for those in attendance. Tickets go on sale soon.

Eggs and Issues: Our information platform that brings exciting and pertinent speakers to address issues affecting our county and region. Future presentations include: County Update, State Update, Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Congressman Reschenthaler, and more. Watch the chamber newsletter or our e-newsletter for information.

Ag Career Day: Brings over 700 eighth graders to a local farm, where they hear from over 30 presenters on the careers in the agriculture industry. Everything from entry level to degreed positions are presented in a farm setting in Somerset County. Last year's day was a huge success!

More to come: Just stay connected to us and you will all profit from the events and programs offered by the Somerset County Chamber.

Update on Somerset County Leadership Class:

Somerset, PA- The class's third session focused on the judicial system and local government on December 13th. They had the incredible opportunity to learn from three Somerset County Commissioners: Pamela Tokar-Ickes, Gerald Walker, and Colleen Dawson about Somerset County Past and Present: History and Current Priorities.



GOLF BASH INFO

Tickets for the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Bash, set for May 4th at the Bakersville Vol. Fire Dept. Banquet Hall, will go on sale in February.

Similar to a cash bash or a gun bash, admission to this fundraiser includes eligibility for all prize drawings awarded at intervals throughout the day. More than \$40,000 in fabulous golf prizes, including top-of-the-line equipment, apparel, travel packages, outings and more, will be awarded. Each ticket will include discounts to area golf courses. Additional small games of chance will be available with prizes.

Doors will open at noon and drawings will be held at intervals between 12-4 p.m. Guest passes, which will include admission and the buffet only, will be available at the door. Like last year, we will incorporate 15 prizes in 15 minutes during the event, must be present to win these special prizes. Winning ticket numbers for the regular ticket

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FIRE & ICE

JANUARY 12-14, 2024

UPTOWN SOMERSET

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Dive into the magic of our Fire & Ice theme for 2024 – 'Under the Sea'! Somerset, PA's 29th Annual Ice Festival transforms our town into a winter wonderland, featuring an enchanting aquarium in ice. Picture strolling uptown, surrounded by mesmerizing ice sculptures, enjoying family fun at the Kids Center, gliding down a custom ice slide, and being captivated by a night sky illuminated with fireworks.



Warm up by the bonfire, support local businesses at the crafter and artisan market, and savor delectable treats from uptown restaurants and food vendors lining the street. The excitement begins, and there's so much more to discover!

Showcase your business by hosting a Chamber mixer!

Mixers are a great way to network while advertising your business' or organization's products and services.

Book your mixer today by contacting Sandy at

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2. Local Loot should be deposited into your daily deposit, just like a regular check. You will receive 100 percent of the face value of the check.
3. We suggest that change NOT be given unless at least 80 percent of the value of the check will be used during the transaction. Local Loot gift certificates should not be redeemed for cash.

For additional information, contact the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce at (814) 445-6431 or info@somersetcountychamber.com.



Somerset County Library Courses

Catalyst Connection is pleased to offer Lean Manufacturing Training in Somerset. This training series is designed to provide participants with a solid foundation in basic lean principles, including hands-on experience in the application of those principles. Details and registration for each training session are linked in the list below. All sessions are scheduled to be facilitated by Catalyst Connection at the Somerset County Library, 6022 Glades Pike, Suite 120, Somerset, PA 15501.



January 17, 2024- Intro to Manufacturing and Principles of Lean Manufacturing

February 7, 2024 – Value Stream Mapping and A3 Thinking

February 21, 2024 – Practical Problem Solving – The 5 Why's

March 13, 2024 – Lean Tool Implementation

April 3, 2024 – Standard Work and Visual Management

April 17, 2024- Continuous Improvement Practice/
Sustaining Improvement Efforts

Utility Rates in Pennsylvania increased again on December 1st.

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Chamber of Commerce. We can help you compare rates from all available suppliers and negotiate competitive prices for your business.

Most utilities in PA increased their electricity rates substantially in June 2023**. Beginning December 1, rates did increase again*, and businesses large and small will be significantly impacted as we head into winter.

World Kinect is here to help. As the Chamber's partner, we can help you understand the choices, challenges, and opportunities most relevant to your business and your bottom line. Speak with our specialist energy brokerage team today and see how we can use our decades of experience in the power and natural gas markets to help you to better manage your utilities costs this winter.

If you have questions please follow up with your Chamber's dedicated energy advisor:

LOREN MARTELLO

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JOHNSTOWN TOMAHAWKS SOMERSET COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NIGHT JAN 26TH

Date Fri • Jan 26, 2024 • 7:30 PM

Venue 1st SUMMIT ARENA at Cambria County
War Memorial
Johnstown, PA



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calendar at [www.somersetcountychamber.com/
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PA State alerts business owners to new federal law

Cris Collingwood, Central Penn Business Journal
 December 4, 2023

The Shapiro Administration is alerting Pennsylvania companies to a new federal requirement. Beginning Jan. 1, many companies in the United States will have to report information about their beneficial owners, the individuals who ultimately own or control the company, to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. “While this is a federal requirement and not a Pennsylvania requirement, we are informing our business customers so that they can be prepared to comply,” Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt said. “The Department’s Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations maintains records of more than three million companies that do business in the commonwealth and serves as the centralized filing office for Uniform Commercial Code financing statements.” According to FinCEN, existing companies created or registered to do business in the United States before Jan. 1, 2024, will have an entire year – until Jan. 1, 2025 – to submit their beneficial ownership reports. New companies created or registered to do business on or after Jan. 1, 2024, will have 90 calendar days after receiving notice that their creation or registration is effective to submit their reports. There are 23 categories of business entities that are exempt from this new federal reporting requirement, Schmidt said.

Pennsylvania business owners can find more information on the reporting requirements and exemptions at www.fincen.gov/boi.

UPDATE

2024 membership update forms and dues

The 2024 Chamber membership update forms and dues invoices were mailed in December. Members should have received update forms for both their directory/website listing information and basic member information. ***This will be the only notice you receive*** to update your membership information for both the 2024 member directory publication and the Chamber’s online membership directory.

Invoice for dues can be paid in full or with monthly and quarterly payment options. Please contact the chamber to set up automatic dues payment options.

Questions can be directed to Sandy Berkebile at sandyb@somersetcountychamber.com.

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Members News

The Learning Lamp Recognized for Their Support of Afterschool Programs Across State

The Learning Lamp, a local nonprofit with a mission to engage all children in the support they need to succeed, is proud to announce its selection as Outstanding Organization of the Year at the statewide 2023 EMPOWER Out-of-School Time (OST) Conference. The award acknowledges The Learning Lamp's exemplary contribution and commitment to enhancing out-of-school-time experience for students across the Commonwealth.



The conference, held December 7-9, 2023, by the Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network (PSAYDN), is a premiere event in the afterschool field. The Learning Lamp's selection as this year's Outstanding Organization reflects its unwavering dedication to creating meaningful and engaging learning opportunities beyond school hours.

"We are honored to be selected as the Outstanding Organization of 2023. This recognition belongs to the afterschool team at The Learning Lamp. They pour their hearts and souls into serving children and families and sharing their thoughtfully crafted resources with the entire out-of-school-time community," explained Dr. Leah Spangler, President and CEO of The Learning Lamp. "Their commitment to children and afterschool providers stems from the belief that every child deserves access to quality education and enriching experiences that extend beyond traditional classroom hours."

The Somerset Lake Nature Park Project

The Somerset Rotary Club selected the Somerset Lake Nature Park as the recipient of the club's yearly \$10,000 grant project. The club raised \$5,000, which is matched by the district Rotary. As part of the work, the club paid for a new sign at the roundabout and brought in rocks, timber, and mulch. Four hundred bulbs were also planted. Rotarians volunteered to complete the hands-on labor. Other volunteers from the community also offered their expertise to help with bulb planting and sign installation. Also, eight benches and four planters will be installed along the trail and lake this spring to complete the project.



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